

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Manpower and Personnel)

SUBJECT : Naval Reserve Medical Officer Requirements

1. A request to transfer twenty officer authorizations from Army to Navy was forwarded to your office on 23 April 1953 and subsequently approved as personnel requirements during Fiscal Year 1954. Although it was not specified in the request, this authorization was to be used for the assignment of medical officers to support Central Intelligence Agency operations.

2. In collaboration with the Department of the Navy, a number of doctors who are subject to military or naval service under current legislation, have been selected to meet this requirement. The majority of these selected doctors have not yet been called to active duty pending completion of security investigations, but call of six doctors within sixty days has been planned.

3. The policy letter to the Secretaries of Army, Navy and Air Force dated 25 September 1953, which suspended further appointment and concurrent active duty of medical officers, has recently been brought to my attention. The Bureau of Naval Personnel advises that compliance will prohibit further procurement of officers who are not now on active duty, and may require cancellation of actions which are now in progress and nearing completion. This disruption of the time consuming selection and procurement process will have a considerable impact upon our operations.

4. It is requested that an exception to policy be made so that the existing program may be continued to permit the Department of the Navy to appoint and/or call to duty sufficient medical officers to meet the approved requirements of this Agency. These requirements will continue on a reimbursable basis through Fiscal Year 1955.

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Acting Deputy Director

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